

Key Changes:

- Change of address will **not routinely** need supporting documentation; board staff may request it if necessary. This is a key Customer Service initiative because it will greatly reduce layers of bureaucracy and assure faster service, especially for nurses wishing to change their Primary State of Residency for the National Licensure Compact. (no need to wait until you receive a Maryland driver's license or other proof of residency),
- On the contrary, change of name **must** include appropriate supporting documentation (see the forms for specific details). To assure transparency, both forms include direct statutory /regulatory citations for the requirements. This means that name changes can no longer be automatically accepted from a statement on the renewal application. This is imperative to prevent fraudulent applications, particularly for nurses/certificate holders with discipline here or in another state under a different name. While this may seem like a hassle to the applicant, in fact, it is to protect your identity and prevent the types of fraud that allow imposters to place the public at risk.

Both of these forms are available on line and may be submitted via email or snail mail, making it truly self-service